Singapore, Canada, Japan and Saudi Arabia.

United Bank of India Officers Association

1814. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new Officers' organisation named United Bank of India Officers Organisation was formed in Calcutta on the 1st January, 1990 and was registered on the 21st March, 1990;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the President and General Secretary of the said organisation have been subjected to harrassment e.g. frequent transfer, and delay in payment of salary etc; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE: (SHRI ANIL SHAS-TRI): (a) and (b) United Bank of India has informed that a new Officers Organisation named United Bank of India Officers Organisation was formed on 1-1-1990 and registered on 21-3-1990 under the Indian Trade Unions Act, 1926 by the Registrar of Trade Unions West Bengal.

(c) The Bank has denied the charges. The President and the General Secretary of the Association were transferred strictly in terms of their seniority and Bank's norms applicable to the Officers in the Bank.

(d) Does not arise.

Export of Pesticides to Far Eastern Countries

1815. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA.: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a vast scope for export of pesticides to Far Eastern countries; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COM MERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) and (b) Ex ports of pesticides from India to Far Eastern countries have grown steadily in recent years. The scope for achieving quantum increases in exports is, however, somewhat limited because of the domestic production base in some of these countries, the tendency to reduce use of pesticides due to environmental considerations and competition from multinational companies. The Basic Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals and Cosmetics Export Promotion Council (CHEMEXCIL), Bombay, is taking several export promotional measures, including fielding a delegation from the pesticides in dustry to study the market trends and establish business contracts.

Foreign Exchange Earning through sales to Nepal and Bhutan

1816. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: SHRI ASHIS SEN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether sales to Nepal and Bhutan be considered as foreign exchange earnings; and

(b) whether imports from these countries be considerd as foreign exchange outgo ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FI NANCE (SHRI ANIL SHAS-TRI): (a) and (b) All trade transac tions between India and Nepal and between India and Bhutan are governed by the Trade and Transit Agreements existing